

IMPASSABLE

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A WORD OF NOTE ON ERRORS

All my efforts to improve Impassable's adjudications have failed as can be witnessed by the fact that errors, both minor and major, were found in four different games. This can not be allowed to continue! Not only does this situation irritates my players, it also makes me sad.

I have come to the realistic conclusion that I must have more time in order to put out Impassable: all of its 12 pages and 10 games! Actually, I think that I have been too fast with the production of Impassable. I do not think any other publisher puts out 10 games and 12 pages in two days of work. Thus, the problem is not my carelessness or even in gross stupidity, but the fact that I need more time! So, what will I do? Simply this: The magazine will continue to be published every three weeks as I have endeavored to do, however, the deadline will be moved up one day to Thursday. This will become effective with the deadline for Issue #19. The mailing of Impassable will remain on Sunday. Thus, this gives me one more day to take my time in adjudicating your games, but it will cut your time by one day for negotiations. I am most sorry for the past errors, and I can only hope that this situation will be much improved when I have the extra day. Thank you all on remaining patient with me through the past trials.

In conclusion, may I note that I have yet to err in reporting of the actual orders. I make mistakes in the area of adjudications, forgetting to underline orders that failed, and in incorrectly reporting on the Winter positions. With your continued help and in your constant reminders, I will improve. Again, thank you for being nice about it.

ERROR REPORTS

What follows are corrections of errors in several games.

GAME 1970BJ--Unfortunately, I forgot to check previous positions and thus allowed illegal Russian orders. Correct adjudications result in the annihilation of the Russian Army in Galicia while the Austrian Army in Rumania

is not annihilated, although it still fails to move. The Russian order, A Ukr-Rum also fails to move, and not only that, Russia did not have a Black Sea Fleet which means that the support given by any such unit was non-existent. The Russian Army Armenia failed to move. Last, the Russian Fleet Smyrna went unordered and thus holds in Smyrna.

GAME 1972BG--The Winter 1904 position for Germany is wrong. It should be: Army Ruhr, not Army Kiel.

GAME 1972DD--I forgot to underline the German order A Pru-Ber/a/. Note that this army is annihilated and Germany gets to build one unit. Also, the Russian order, A Sil-Ber should also be underlined.

A question was asked about Game 1970BJ about replacing Mr. Thomas. The reason Mr. Thomas has not been replaced is that he hasn't missed two seasons in a row. Since there were no orders on file, England had to stand in disorder that season.

I WILL TRY A NEW POLICY

In an effort to improve error reporting, I will be trying on a trial basis a policy of allowing players to call me collect if they see an error in adjudication in their game(s). Of course, I will warn that the calls should be at the time I designate as well as the fact that it must be an error that is not easily solved. I will most likely ask that the players ask for not me, but for a non-existent person--namely themselves. They can use their names and thus I will know who has called. They can use my name for their phone name. We'll see how this works. I will be announcing this in #18 of Impassable along with my new deadline policy and what else I may think up.

I am not perfect, but I am a perfectionist and will keep trying. Forward we shall carry the banner of diplomacy and war! With lady luck besides me, we all shall win the war.

keep smiling!
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